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FOR THE ACTING SECRETARY FROM THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: FOREIGN VISITORS

REF: STATE 101281

1. I APPRECIATE THE SPECIFIC GUIDANCE ON THIS QUESTION IN REFTEL AND SEE NO DIFFICULTY IN CONVEYING THE FLAVOR OF YOUR INSTRUCTIONS SHOULD I RECEIVE ANY PROBES LOCALLY REGARDING A DESIRE BY ANY SRI LANKAN TO SEE PRESIDENT CARTER. IN FACT, WE HAVE ALREADY BEEN TAKING THIS LINE ON THE FEW OCCASIONS WHEN THE CONVERSATION SEEMED TO BE VEERING IN THAT DIRECTION.

2. THE COLOMBO PLAN WILL MEET IN WASHINGTON NOVEMBER 28 THROUGH DECEMBER 6, 1978, WITH MINISTERIAL PARTICIPATION SCHEDULED FOR AT LEAST THE CLOSING TWO DAYS. PRESIDENT JAYEWARDENE TAKES PRIDE IN BEING KNOWN AS THE "FATHER OF THE COLOMBO PLAN", BECAUSE OF HIS INVOLVEMENT IN ITS INCEPTION. I WOULD BE VERY SURPRISED IF HE DID NOT GO TO THIS MEETING AND WOULD HOPE THAT TIME COULD BE SET ASIDE FOR A SINGLE BILATERAL DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT CARTER. THERE WOULD BE
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NO NEED FOR ANY CEREMONIAL ATTENTION TO PRESIDENT JAYEWARDENE BEYOND THAT AFFORDED THE TWENTY-SEVEN OTHER PRESIDENT, PRIMES, OR WHAT HAVE YOU, WHO MIGHT SHOW UP TO REPRESENT THEIR GOVERNMENTS AT THIS GATHERING.
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